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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated January 16, 2004, the Examiner required election of one of three groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Group I: Claims 23-37 and 42, drawn to providing service based on an international incoming call;
- Group II: Claims 38-41 and 44, drawn to receiving a call being directed to a number used commonly by different subscribers; and
- Group III: Claim 43, drawn to an apparatus to identify a first subscriber making a call and to identify a second subscriber during the call.

With this paper, Applicant elects the claims of Group I, Claims 23-37 and 42.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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